



# MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT

## A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY

### TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Assistance to United States Forest Service

### DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

November 14, 2012, at 10:31 a.m.

### INCIDENT SUMMARY:

**Reservoir Incident:** On Wednesday, November 14, at 10:31 a.m., an employee of a company on contract with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works accidentally ignited a brush fire while welding a metal gate located at the entrance to Morris Dam, located at 9501 North San Gabriel Canyon Road near Highway 39 in the Angeles National Forest north of Azusa. County fire personnel were first to arrive and observed 1-2 acres of fire in medium brush, lapping above and onto Highway 39, with one structure threatened. Firefighters immediately began fire attack and reported initial size-up to the United States Forest Service (USFS) who assumed unified command upon arrival. The fire was knocked down at 3:00 p.m., at which point it had consumed seven acres. LACoFD resources assigned to this incident include eight engines, one engine strike team, one water tender, two patrols, one squad, three superintendents, six camp crews, one helitanker, three helicopters, two Super Scoopers, one dozer team, three investigators, one safety officer, two battalion chiefs and one assistant fire chief.

During suppression efforts, one firefighter reported a back strain. He was transported to Foothill Presbyterian Hospital, where he was treated and released. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles City Fire, California Highway Patrol and Cole Schaefer Ambulance also assisted on scene.

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